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To RALPH FREEMAN, Esq;

SIR,

T was a Custom among the Ancients, especially amongst the ancient *Greeks*, to enquire of Oracles before they took any important Step either in Publick or Private Affairs, as all who are acquainted with good Authors know, and can cite Authorities to prove as well as I; and therefore not writing to shew my Wit or Learning, I shall content myself with noting this Usage, and observing it is highly probable certain *Penetrating Persons* in the same Plan at this Day. Better Reason than this know I none, why the Protestant Pilgrims went to visit *Lelius*, the All-accomplish'd *Lelius*, who has been undoubtedly of all Parties, and, if you will credit his Holiness's *Namesake*, stole the Sense and Wines of them all, but without so much as a Grain of Fidelity: For his Principles are so volatile, that in this Hour, I think, no State Chymist could ever make an Art to fix them.

Vices, Virtues, Garb inherit,
Always gay and full of Spirit.
Pleas'd with Mutiny and Rior,
Often low, but never quiet,
Full of Language, full of Wit,
For all Things, but for Council, fit.
Such thy *Lelius* is, O P—,
But not such thyself, I hope.

ardon, good Freeman: When one talks of Oracles and Pilgrims, and Poets, and Patrons, Verse naturally occurs. But as to this Visit, and the Reason of it:—Why, on Second Consideration, there is a Need of supposing the Pilgrims consulted *Herodotus* and *Plutarch*. In *Holland* whenever a Woman goes to buy a New Gown, or a *Burgomaster* betakes her to Common Council, the *Coffee-Cups* are consulted, and the *Mercer*, or the *Publick*, are the better or the worse for the fancy'd Figures in the Grounds. In *London* it is the same Thing: A *Second-sighted* Prophet or a *Dummee*, that is a *Dumb Man*, who is supposed to know all Things because he says nothing, is a Signal of Approbation before any great Design is gone about. Now, as one of the Pilgrims has a *Wife*, and another comes from the *Land of Gilead*, without question these were the Motives of the Journey. As for the *Third*, he has been a kind of Priest to this *Political Oracle*, ever since he last began to give Responses; and so he went in the Way of Vocation.

On their Arrival in *Gaul* nothing could equal their Concern at the Sight of the Country and all Things therein: Poverty every where visible, and Famine at the Door; the People indeed full of *Rhodomontades*, and as distracted as *Mobbish Patriots* at *Home*. Alas! cry'd the gravest of the Three, No *Englishman* that comes here will swallow our Tales of Danger we are in from *Home*. A wife Government render a feeble People famous, but human Wit, so highly exalted, cannot turn uncultivated into Gardens, or draw large Supplies from an exhausted Nation; we must vary this Topick, or be 'd at. Varied Arguments, said the *Man of Title*, please me best: Can't we say, our Government is like this, and, of course, our Country must be like this too. But, said the *Viscount*, *Achates*, must let none of your Auditors stir out of *London*; once they see Folks go to a Country-Church, compare their Appearance with that of these *Ants*, they'll afford you no more Credit than a *Jack* has in *Warwick-Lane*; they may smile at your *Ants*, but the Devil a Packet will they purchase. length arriving at the Temple of the *Brittish* God, who tho' a God to the Heathens is known for common to all good Christians, they offer'd Incense and abundance: He snuff'd it with a Nod of Approbation, and condescended, like *Milton's Lucifer* from *Heaven*, to hear his very Vices prais'd, and his doing Eloquence extoll'd. Then he proceeded to enquire the Fate of the last Volume he perused, and to hear the Rise and Progress of most wonderful

Success. But the Father, or Father-in-Law, for his Relation to that hopeful Piece is a Point he will not allow to be settled, made him Answer, That no Pains had been spared to make it the favourite *Libel* of the Season; no Industry wanted to furnish living Commentaries; no Puffs from the Party-Papers unsupplied; that in the End the Thing came to be relish'd, especially when the Town was informed it had its Flats from hence. Come, come, said the *graver Pilgrim*, don't boast so much: The best Judges complained of the Uncouthness of the Style; judicious Politicians saw no Connection between the Facts and Inferences; and Men of Spirit complained of sharp Words and washy Arguments. Well, well; cry'd *Achates*, the Pamphlet's in its Grave, and Peace be to its Ashes.

These Preliminaries once over, and a few Inquiries as to the State of Affairs at a certain Court answered, they entred upon the Grand Debate. The *eldest Pilgrim*, in a grave periodical Harangue, ran thro' the Struggles of the Year; observed, that notwithstanding repeated Defeats, they had charged with as much Vigor as ever, and this in spite of a Number of concurring Circumstances which seem'd to require another Conduct; he expatiated on his own Boldness and Intrepidity, and repeated with the utmost Pleasure certain Expressions which had nothing but Rudeness to recommend them. He concluded however with lamenting, that neither the Bloquence of Words, or the Force of good Examples, seem'd to operate on the corrupt Hearts of the Majority of the People. The Oracle answer'd with a Smile, that Success was in no Man's Power, but that such eminent Labours certainly deserv'd it: Yes, my Friend, added he, there was a Time when you and I were in no great Hurry to promote Reformation, witness our Diversions in *Greenwich-park*, and that Regularity in which I left the *Publick Papers*.—Well! we were always Friends to Uniformity, and therefore, as we were for extraordinary Liberties in the Days of our Youth, let us make Amends now we're in Years by railing at *Luxury* and *Corruption*!

The springing Smarts, we batter'd Beaus will teach,
And ev'ry Virtue we ne'er practis'd preach.
Exclaim at Pleasure, Privacy commend,
And swear there's nothing like a Book and Friend.
That Places, Pensions, and such paltry things
As speak their Owners too well known to Kings,
Are Spots and Stains unworthy of a Soul,
Which can its Passions and its Piques controul.
Perhaps such Language may convert the Nation,
And make them force the Chiefs of Reformation
To accept of Posts, which tho' it much must grieve 'em,
Yet out of Self-denial they'll receive 'em,
Be great against their Wills, and deign to take
The Publick Money—for the Publick's Sake.

I protest, return'd the Noble Author, this is my Plan to a Hair. I hate being idle. If I was in Power I would be active against Malecontents, and till then I am determin'd to be as busy a Malecontent as I can. 'Tis true I am debarr'd the Pleasure of speaking my Thoughts as I used to do, and of alarming my Contemporaries with the Fruits of political Meditations. However I can still write, and tho' I am at present at a considerable Distance from the Press, yet I am confident it is teeming at this Instant with my Lucubrations. My diligent Emissary will not fail to send abroad one Evening my Exhortation, and the next a Panegyrick on its Author. Well! this I will say for our Cause, Never had any flouter Champions. During this Summer's Recess I intend to study our own History, wherein there are more Revolutions recorded than in half the Histories of *Europe*. Never was there a Point aim'd at, but thence I can quote you a ruled Case. As Instances occur I'll digest them in my Common-place-book, that whatever Side I take hereafter I may never be at a Loss for Authorities, or stand in need of Precedents, if I think proper to make a Change. To say the Truth, the Opposition is a fine School; and if it does nothing else it furnishes Infant Orators with an Opportunity of lisping, till Time and Practice teach them to speak plain—of which my most persuasive Friend here is a Noble and Notable Instance.

Here, said their humble Companion, are Hearts of

Gold!—But come, my noble Friend, let's have a hearty Bottle, and some smart Jokes upon *Norfolk Dumptins*. After which, trust us a little with the Scheme of the next Campaign, and tell us what Master you are at present inclin'd to, or whether henceforward you intend to be your own Master, which I would not however advise, lest it should prove your own Undoing; for I have observed your Masters like your Mistresses, have never been lucky after granting you Favours. Come, come, I long to hear some of your new Projects; have you never an infallible one for next Year? Think a little, Old Boy, do, think a little, *Fery-Ones* a lucky Year for stirring up Combinations; some of your Name, One I think who was honour'd with a Title, were stirring Folks a Century ago. For shame, don't degenerate, don't talk of Poetry and Philosophy, at least not to us, but teach us a new Way of playing an old Game, or I vow we shall be oblig'd to throw up the Cards, and that you know is giving all for lost. However, there's no Harm in that when our Chance is worth nothing.

At this the great *Lelius* smil'd, but according to his constant Custom assur'd his Clients he had a new-invented Scheme, which would inevitably take Effect. Tho' he is famous for guessing wrong once in a Season these fourteen Years, yet they swallow'd his Promise as implicitly as a Country Girl does that of a Fortune-teller who is allow'd to live in a fair Intelligence with the Devil. The Reason is the same in both. The Oracle of State's Secret is not a grain better than that of the Cunning-man; flattering the prevailing Passion is the sole Mystery, and this Key well-touch'd meets alike the moody Malecontent and Love-sick Lass. After Supper the Pilgrims had this mighty Engine put into their Hands, and most sanguine they are as to its Effects; for my part, tho' I will allow this Gentleman's Intention to be as mischievous as that of a jealous Wife or a Jesuit detected in his Tricks, yet hitherto his Projects have no better Success than those of *B—dg—ll* or —. They have the Blackness but not the Force of Gunpowder, and all that I have known them produce is adding to the Darkness of his own Character. At present I will lengthen this no farther than to tell you, that the Measures (whatever they were) taken at this Southern Interview are now digesting under the Care of proper Directors in the North and West. When these Mountains are delivered, Heaven defend us from Mice.

I am, SIR, your constant Reader,
And very humble Servant.

JOHN TROT.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, May 28. Wind N. E. Remain in the Downs his Majesty's Ships *Gloster* and *Dragon*.

Gravesend, May 28. Pass'd by the *St. Peter*, *Kerby*, from Norway; the *Prince William*, *Hind*, from Rotterdam; and the *Stockholm*, *Heath*, from Stockholm.

LONDON.

The *Hardwick*, Capt. *Offering*, bound from *Malaga* for *London*, was taken by the Spanish Squadron from *Cadix*, and carried into *Ferrol*.

At *Jamaica* is arrived the *Hunter*, *Haynes*, and the *Dragon*, *Neale*, both from *Philadelphia*.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Restoration of *King Charles II.* the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, &c. went to *St. Paul's*, and heard a Sermon suitable to the Occasion.

Yesterday Morning *John Crawley*, Esq; Member of Parliament for *Marlborough* in *Wilts*, was marry'd to *Miss Sambroke*, Sister to *Sir Jeremiah Sambroke*, *Bart.*

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleas'd to put into Commission the *Scarborough*, a 20 Gun Ship, and gave the Command thereof to Capt. *Lisle*.

And he was sworn in and received his Commission accordingly.

The Beginning of this Week died at Bath, after a tedious Indisposition, the Countess of *Aylesford*, Lady to the Right Hon. *Heneage Lord Finch*, Earl of *Aylesford* in the County of *Kent*. A Lady of great Piety and Virtue, so that her Death is greatly lamented, especially by the Poor to whom she was a great Benefactress.



On Tuesday last his Majesty's Plate of 100 l. was run for on Merrow-Downs near Guildford, which was won by Mr. Martindale's Brown Horse with Ease.

On Tuesday last one Anne Gwyn, a noted Fortune-teller, was committed to Tothill fields Bridewell by Col De Veil, for cheating and defrauding a young Gentlewoman of upwards of Seventeen Pounds, by pretending to procure her an *Eternal Spring*, but after she had that Money she sent her Word it would only be Temporal, unless she increased that Sum to Twenty-one Guineas; but in the Interim of Time, not being so good a Judge of her own Fortune as the young Gentlewoman's, the said Justice sent her for the best Part of the Summer instead of the Spring to beat Hemp at Bridewell.

The same Day one Thomas Ayliffe was committed to the Gatehouse by the same Gentleman, for farther Examination, for breaking open Two Houses in the Night, Mr. Joseph Ruberry's at Brompton, and Mr. William Waller's at Tothill-street Westminster; taking a large Copper out of the first, and Two Sheep out of the other.

And Yesterday Edward Bullock and John Harman were sent to Newgate by the same Gentleman for stealing Lambs out of a Field belonging to Mr. John Britteridge near Kensington Gravel-pits.

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